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SUBJ: SHAH'S INTERVIEW WITH RADIO FRANCE

1. TEHRAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS JULY 5 REPORTED THAT IN
INTERVIEW WITH RADIO FRANCE JULY 2ND SHAH SAID ONLY "A LITTLE
EFFORT" IS NOW NEEDED TO RESUME DIALOGUE BETWEEN MAJOR OIL
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OPEC OIL MUST BE "CONSONANT WITH THE PRICE OF OTHER OIL OR

ENERGY RESOURCES." ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, SHAH SAID THAT ENERGY FROM LIQUIFIED COAL, UNDERSEA OIL AND OTHER SOURCES WAS STILL MORE EXPENSIVE THAN OPEC OIL.

2. SHAH INDICATED IRANO-FRENCH COOPERATION PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE, NOTED THAT MOST IMPORTANT PART OF PACKAGE IS GOI PORTION OF FRENCH NUCLEAR REACTORS AND ADDED THAT FRENCH CONTRACTORS WILL SOON BEGIN BUILDING TEHRAN SUBWAY AND MAY GET SIMILAR CONTRACTS IN OTHER IRANIAN CITIES IF THEY PERFORM WELL. HE DEFENDED IRAN'S MILITARY PURCHASES AS JUSTIFIED BY NEED TO PROTECT STRATEGICALLY VITAL STRAITS OF HORMOZ AND INDIAN OCEAN SEA ROUTES. SHAH DENIED IRAN HAD ABANDONED KURDS; SAID THAT IN FACT KURDS WERE DISCOURAGED AND COULD NO LONGER FIGHT. HE CLAIMED THAT NEW PARTY IS "BOOST TO POLITICS" RATHER THAN ITS DESTRUCTION AND NOTED THAT IRANIANS MASSIVELY PARTICIPATED IN RECENT ELECTIONS. FINALLY PRESS SAID SHAH DESCRIBED CHARGES OF TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AS FABRICATIONS OF NEO-LEFTISTS WHO ONLY DESTROY WHILE "WE IN IRAN ONLY BUILD AND DEVELOP."

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